08 CV 00534 CHALOS, O'CONNOR & DUFFY, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff, EASTWIND MARITIME INC. 366 Main Street Port Washington, New York 11050 Tel: (516) 767-3600 Fax: (516) 767-3605 Owen F. Duffy (OD-3144) George E. Murray (GM-4172) UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK EASTWIND MARITIME INC., 08 CV ____(__) Plaintiff, v. ATTORNEY'S AFFIDAVIT THAT DEFENDANT TETHYS TRADING, **CANNOT BE FOUND** WITHIN THE DISTRICT Defendant. STATE OF NEW YORK

This affidavit is executed by the attorney for the Plaintiff, EASTWIND TRANSPORT LIMITED, (hereinafter "EASTWIND"), in order to secure the issuance of a Summons and Process of Attachment and Garnishment in the above-entitled, *in personam*, Admiralty cause.

Owen F. Duffy, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

: SS.

COUNTY OF NASSAU

1. I am a partner of the firm of Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy LLP representing Plaintiff, EASTWIND, in this case.

- 2. I have personally inquired or have directed inquiries into the presence of Defendant TETHYS TRADING in this District.
- 3. I have personally checked with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, using the Secretary of State's Division of Corporations database, and I have determined that, as of January 21, 2008, the Defendant TETHYS TRADING is not incorporated pursuant to the laws of New York, is not qualified to conduct business within the State of New York and has not nominated agents for the service of process within New York because the Secretary of State of the State of New York has no records for the Defendant TETHYS TRADING.
- 4. Furthermore, I have inquired of Verizon Telephone Company whether the Defendant TETHYS TRADING can be located within this District. The Verizon Telephone Company has advised me that the Defendant does not have any telephone number listings within this District.
- 5. I have further consulted with several other telephone directories on the internet, and I have found no telephone listing or address for the Defendant TETHYS TRADING within this District.
- 6. I have further made several searches on the internet with various search engines and maritime websites, and I have found no indication that the Defendant TETHYS TRADING can be found within this District.
- 7. In that I have been able to determine that the Defendant TETHYS
 TRADING is not based in the United States of America and that I have found no
 indication that the Defendant TETHYS TRADING can be found within this District, I
 have formed a good faith belief that the Defendant TETHYS TRADING does not have

sufficient contacts or business activities within this District to defeat maritime attachment under Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty and Maritime Claims as set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

8. It is my belief, based upon my own investigation that the Defendant TETHYS TRADING cannot be found within this District for the purposes of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: Port Washington, New York January 22, 2008

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this January 22, 2008

Notary Public, State of New York

GEORGE E. MURRAY
Notary Public, State of New York
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Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires April 12, 2008